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CONNER WITH APOLOGIES TO STERANKO

SECRET WARS

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THE MULTIVERSE WAS DESTROYED!

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THE HEROES OF EARTH-616 AND EARTH-1610 WERE POWERLESS TO SAVE IT!

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NOW, ALL THAT REMAINS...IS BATTLEWORLD:

A MASSIVE, PATCHWORK PLANET COMPOSED OF THE FRAGMENTS OF WORLDS THAT NO LONGER EXIST, MAINTAINED BY THE IRON WILL OF ITS GOD AND MASTER, VICTOR VON DOOM!

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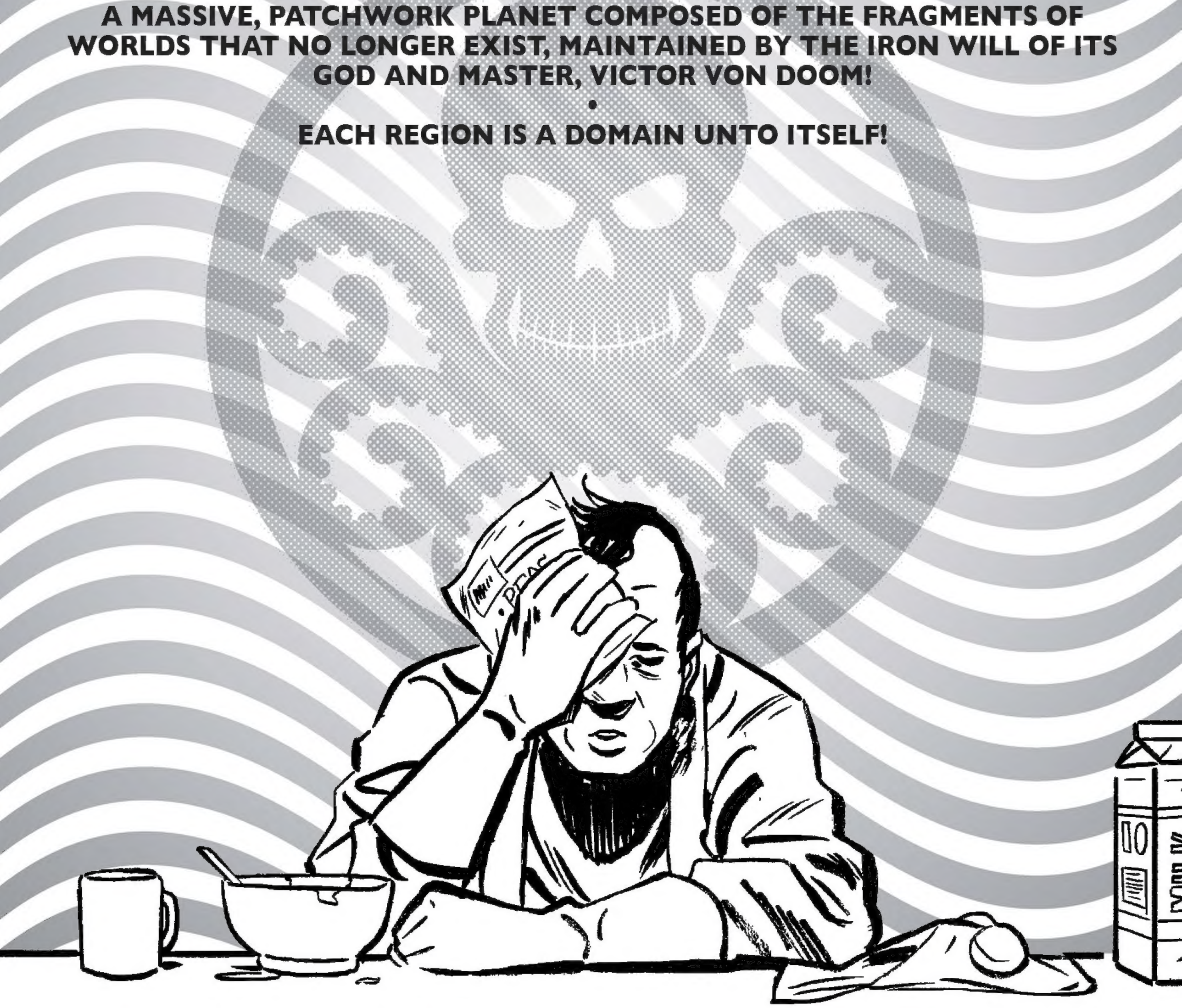
EACH REGION IS A DOMAIN UNTO ITSELF!



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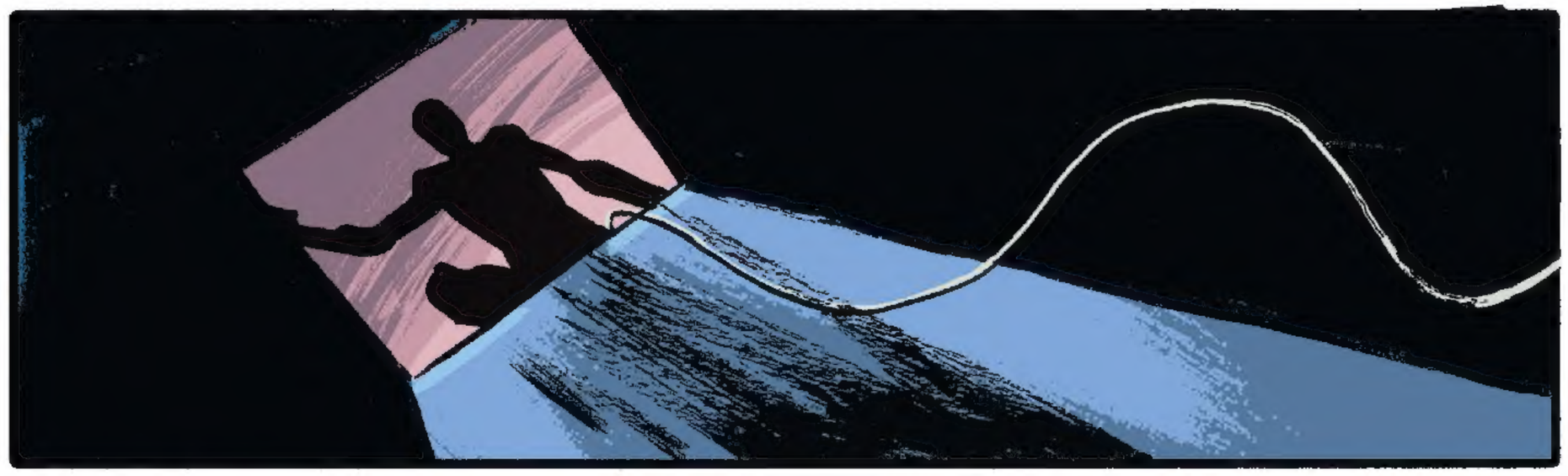

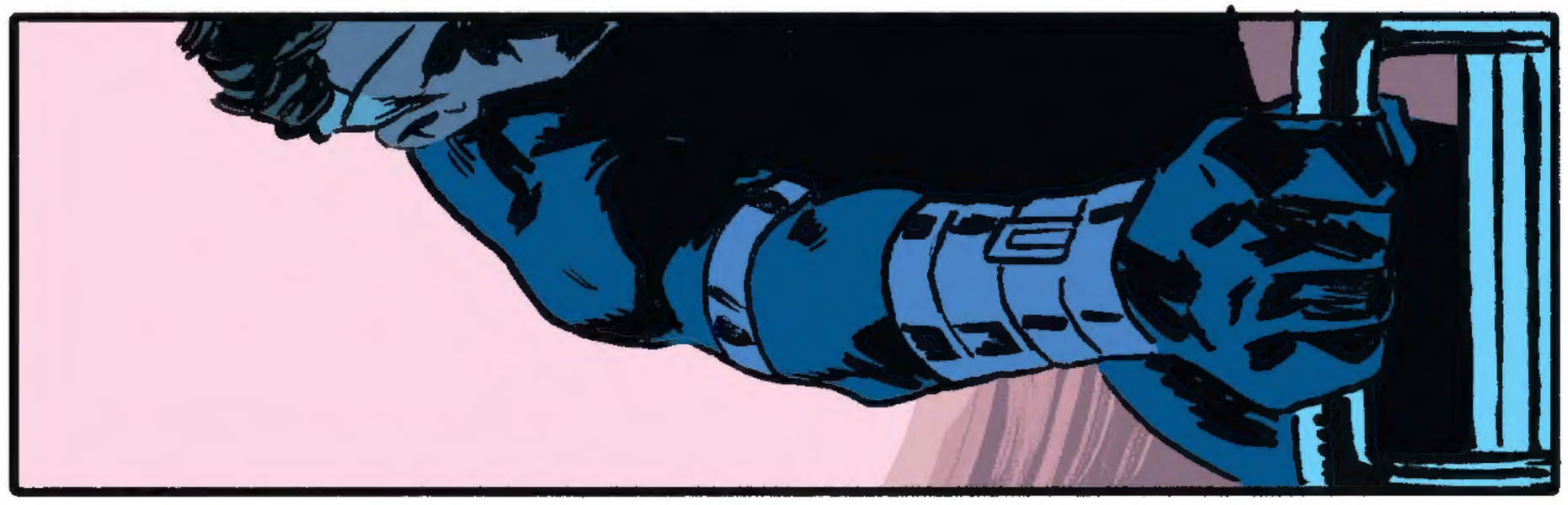

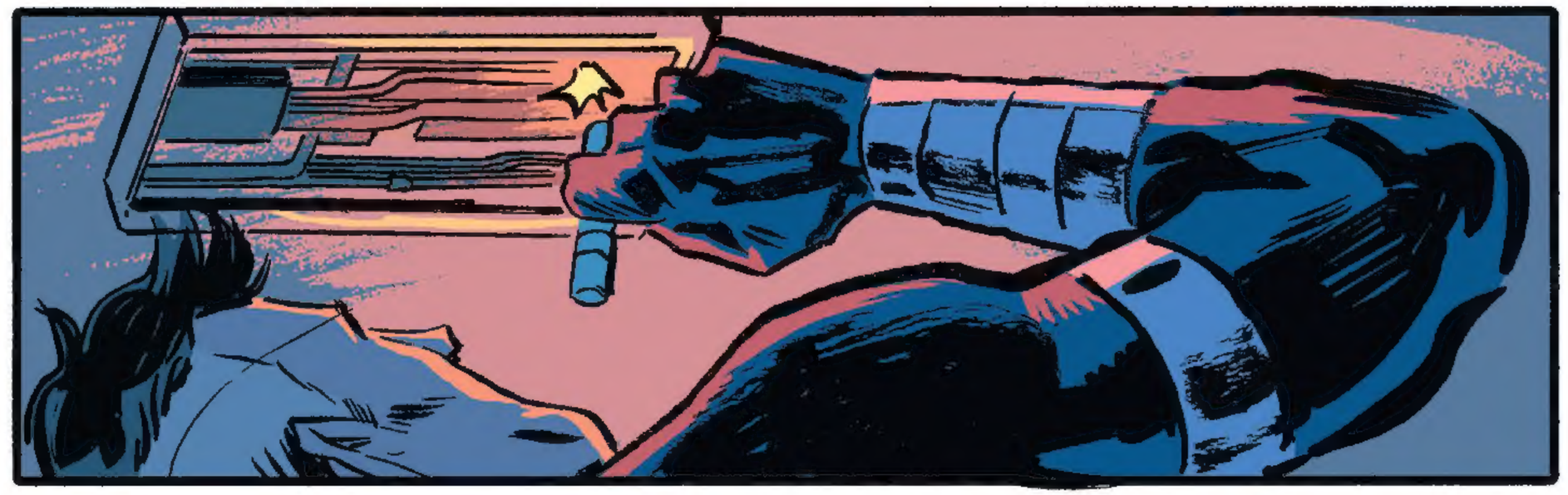

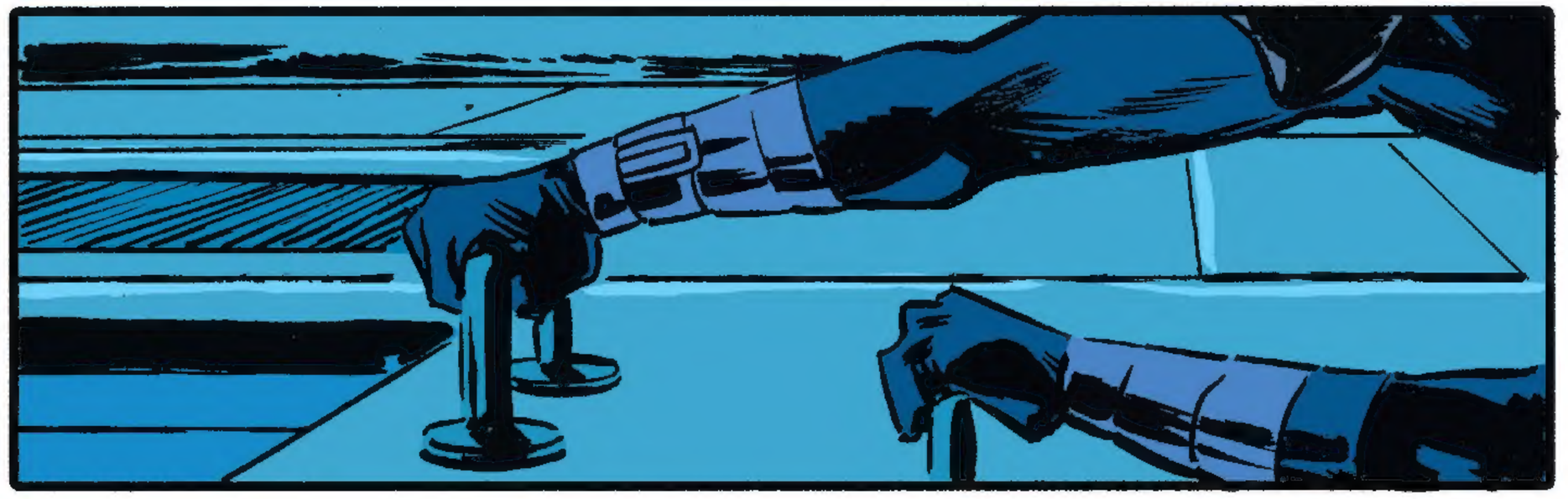

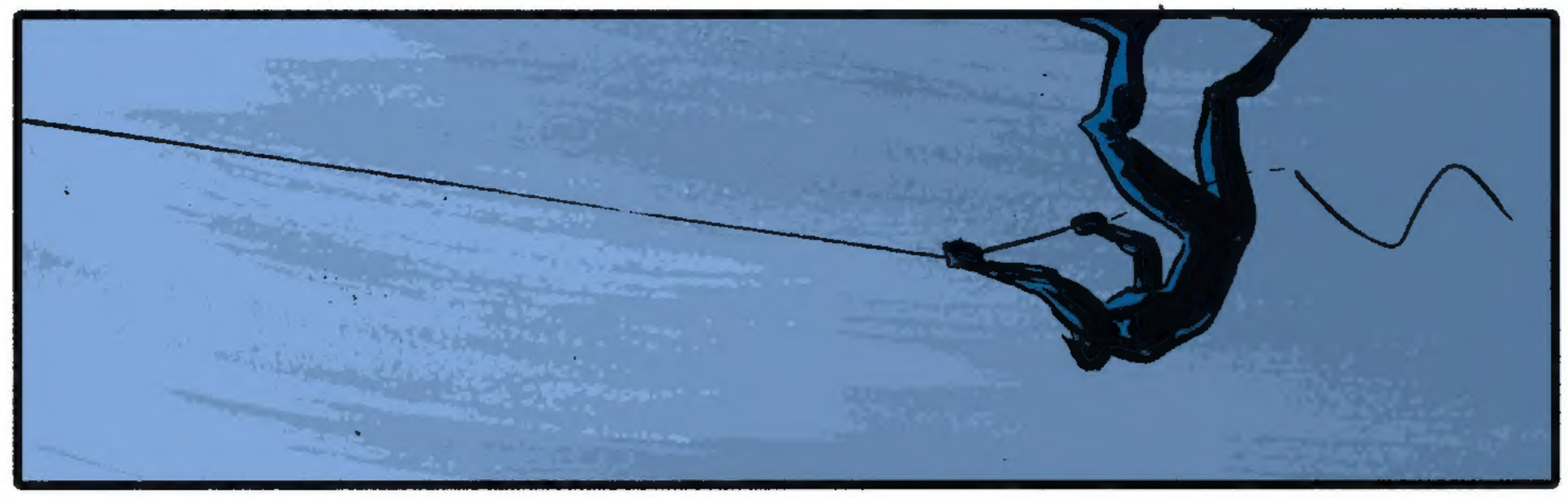

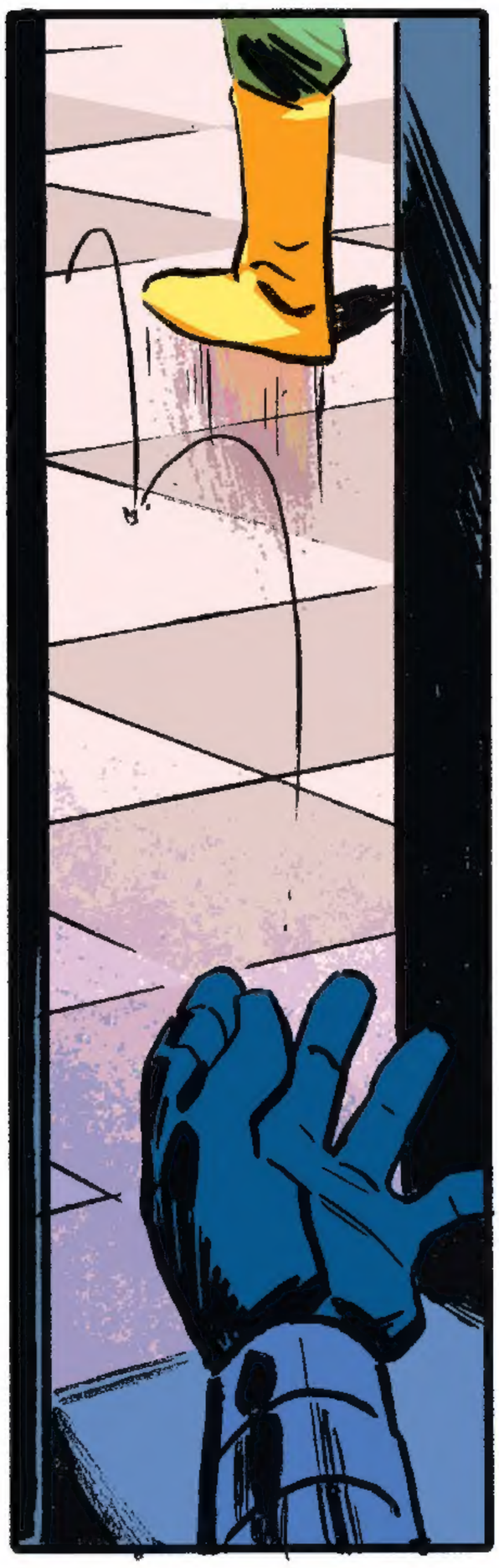

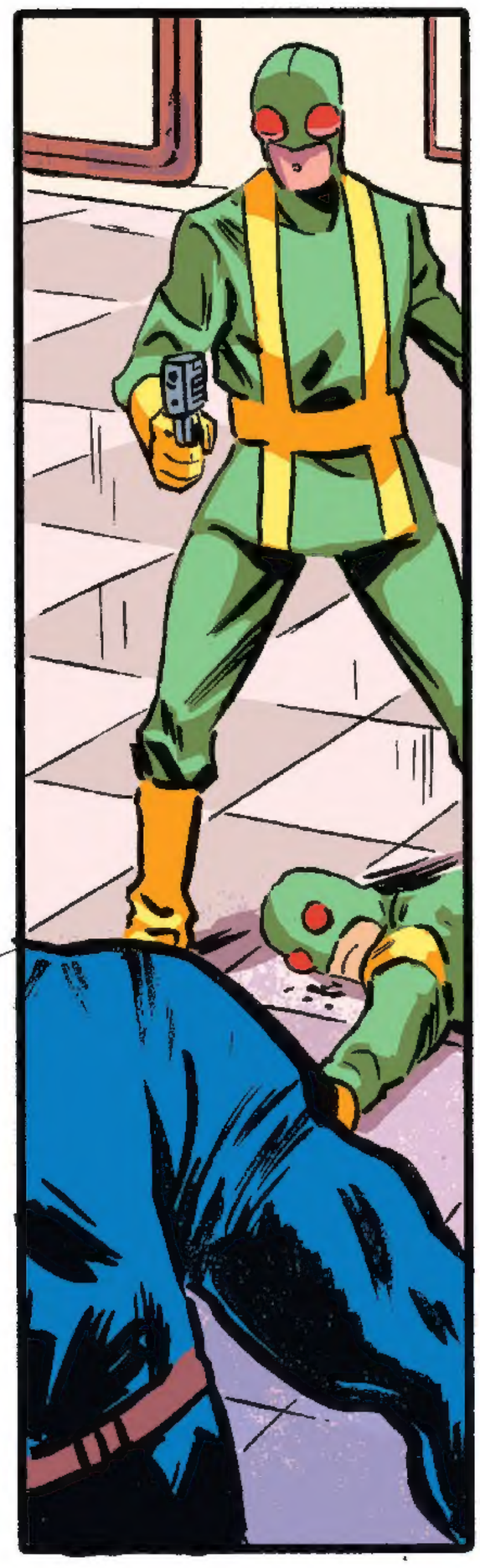

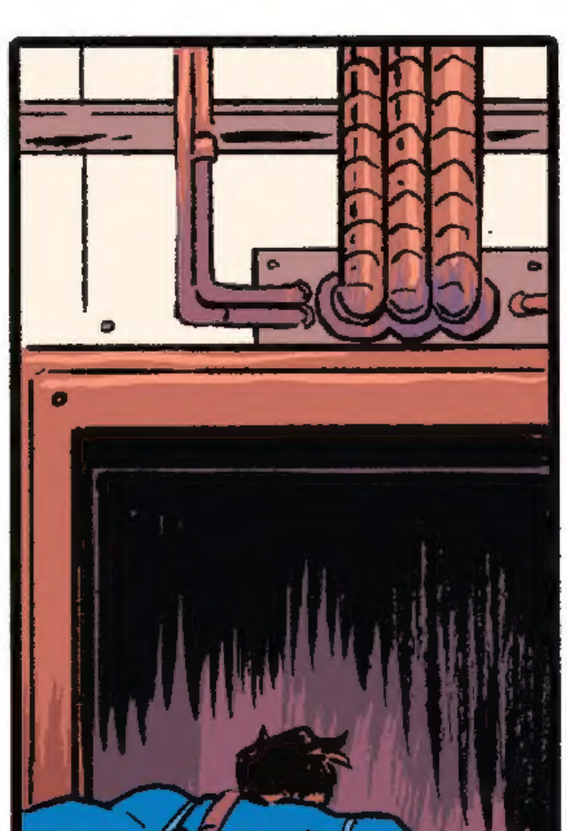

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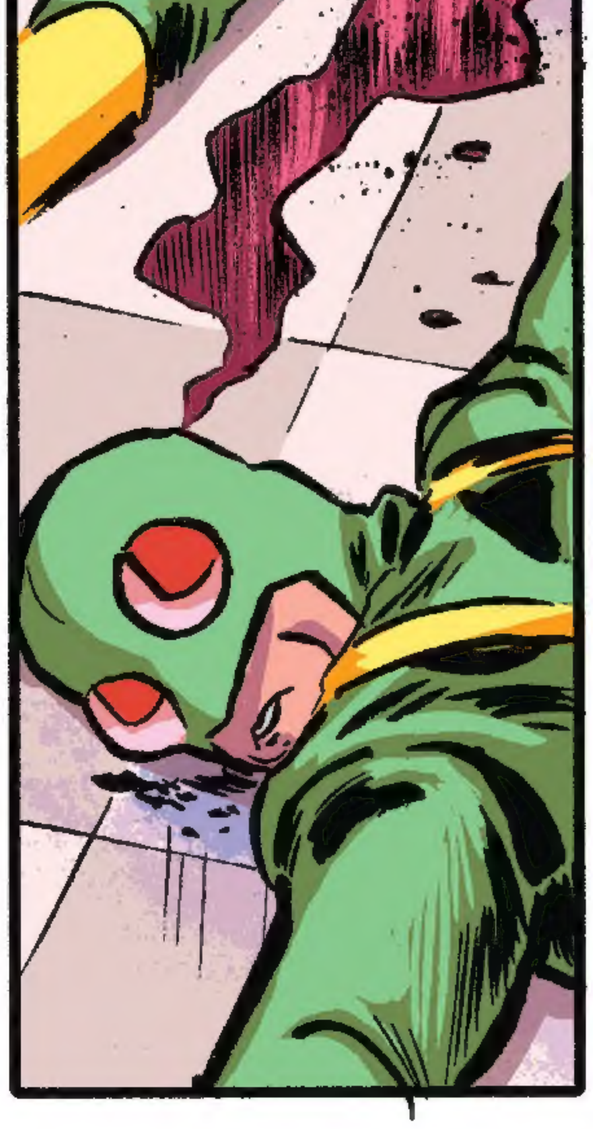

JOHNSON RESIDENCE, 7260 ZOLA ROAD

OWWWW.

MILK

HEY, DAD, THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH THE TV. MADELINE DID IT.

HANK, DID YOU MAKE THE LUNCHES?

IT WAS FREDDIE.

GAAA!

I'M FINE, THANKS! NICK FURY JUST KICKED ME IN THE HEAD! NO BIG DEAL! DIRECTOR OF S.H.I.E.L.D.!

HE KILLED GERRY!

WHAAAAAAAAAAA!

HERE ARE THE LUNCHES. WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

WHERE I GO EVERY DAY--TAKING THE KIDS TO SCHOOL. AND THEN I'M GOING TO MEET SHANA AFTER. YOU SAID YOU COULD WATCH THE BABY.

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CAN I HAVE YOUR PHONE, DAD?

I...CAN'T. I FORGOT. WE HAD THE BIG ATTACK AT HEADQUARTERS. SORRY.

EVERY TIME CAPTAIN AMERICA ATTACKS DOESN'T MEAN YOU GET OUT OF WATCHING THE BABY.

SIRI, HOW DO I MAKE MY SISTER DIE?

THIS IS WHY WE NEED A NANNY.

DAAAADDY, MAKE HIM STOP!

WE CAN'T AFFORD A NANNY.

SHANA AND SCOTT HAVE A NANNY.

WELL, SCOTT WORKS FOR A.I.M.

MAYBE YOU SHOULD WORK FOR A.I.M.

BECKY, I'M NOT WORKING FOR THOSE A.I.M.-HOLES. I DON'T WANT TO HAVE THIS ARGUMENT AGAIN.

YOU KNOW, I MIGHT WANT TO GO BACK TO WORK AGAIN SOMEDAY. I WASN'T JUST THE RED SKULL'S PERSONAL ASSISTANT WHEN WE MET.

LOOK, WE DON'T NEED A NANNY. I CAN HELP MORE. JUST NOT TODAY.

I'M GOING TO EAT YOUR HAIR!

I HATE YOUR FACE!

REALLY?

REALLY. HERE YOU GO. DON'T FORGET, THE FUNERAL IS TODAY.

WHAAAA!

♪♫ Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! ♫♪

♪♫ I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see! ♫♪

WASN'T GERRY IN *SCI-TECH?* THERE MIGHT BE AN OPENING NOW.

NOT HERE.

BY THE WAY, WE NEED TO INVITE SOMEONE TO THAT BORING SCHOOL FUNDRAISER THING.

WHY DO WE HAVE TO GO? YOU JUST CALLED IT BORING.

IF YOU INVITE SOMEONE, IT WILL BE SLIGHTLY LESS BORING.

HANK, PLEASE STOP TRYING TO MAKE ME THE BAD GUY. I'M NOT SOME NAGGING HARPIE. I'M YOUR WIFE.

IS THAT THE HEAD OF *SCI-TECH?* YOU SHOULD SAY HI.

ASHES TO ASHES. DUST TO DUST...DEATH TO S.H.I.E.L.D.!

I'M SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. HAIL HYDRA.

WE SHOULD SAY GOODBYE.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO SAY GOODBYE. IT TAKES FOREVER. LET'S JUST LEAVE.

WE CAN'T JUST SNEAK OUT.

YES, WE CAN.

IT WILL ONLY TAKE A MINUTE.

I SHOULD HAVE MARRIED THAT GUY FROM THE HAND.

HUFF

RING

IT'S THE KIDS' SCHOOL...

WOLFGANG VON STRUCKER ELEMENTARY

I'M SORRY, WHAT?

YOU SENT YOUR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL WITH PEANUT BUTTER SANDWICHES. WE ARE A PEANUT-FREE SCHOOL.

SINCE WHEN?

SINCE ALWAYS.

THIS IS CRAZY. YOU'RE TELLING ME THAT HYDRA IS SCARED OF A LITTLE PEANUT BUTTER?

YES. AND ALMOND BUTTER. CASHEW, TOO. ALSO, EMMA J. IN YOUR DAUGHTER'S CLASS IS DEATHLY ALLERGIC TO PINEAPPLE.

I CUT UP A PINEAPPLE IN THEIR LUNCHES.

WE DON'T NEED A NANNY.

JR AGENTS
TINY HYDRAS
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BALL
STRIKE
OUT
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C'MON, FREDDIE! MAKE ME LOOK LIKE A GOOD DAD!

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SHOW 'EM WHO'S THE BOSS, CLAY JR.!

SMACK

GOOD GAME, CLAY.

ONLY 14 TOILET BREAKS AND ONE CRYING FIT, THE KIDS ARE REALLY GETTING BETTER.

HEH!

THIS MAY BE A LITTLE FORWARD, BUT WOULD YOU AND YOUR WIFE WANT TO GO TO A CHARITY THING FOR OUR SCHOOL NEXT SATURDAY? IT WILL BE REALLY, REALLY BORING.

SOUNDS TERRIBLE. YES.

ALL RIGHT, JOHNSONS, WE DON'T WANT TO BE LATE FOR THE BIRTHDAY PARTY. WHOSE PARTY IS IT?

CALDER G. FROM THE PARK.

DO I KNOW CALDER G.?

NO.

HAPPY BI

HERE WE ARE... 2263.

UH, DAD...

GO ON AND PLAY. DON'T BE SHY.

HEY THERE. HANK JOHNSON. I COULD REALLY USE ONE OF THOSE RED BULLS.

TIME FOR CAKE!

Happy birthday to you! Happy birthday to you! Happy birthday...

...dear Leo!

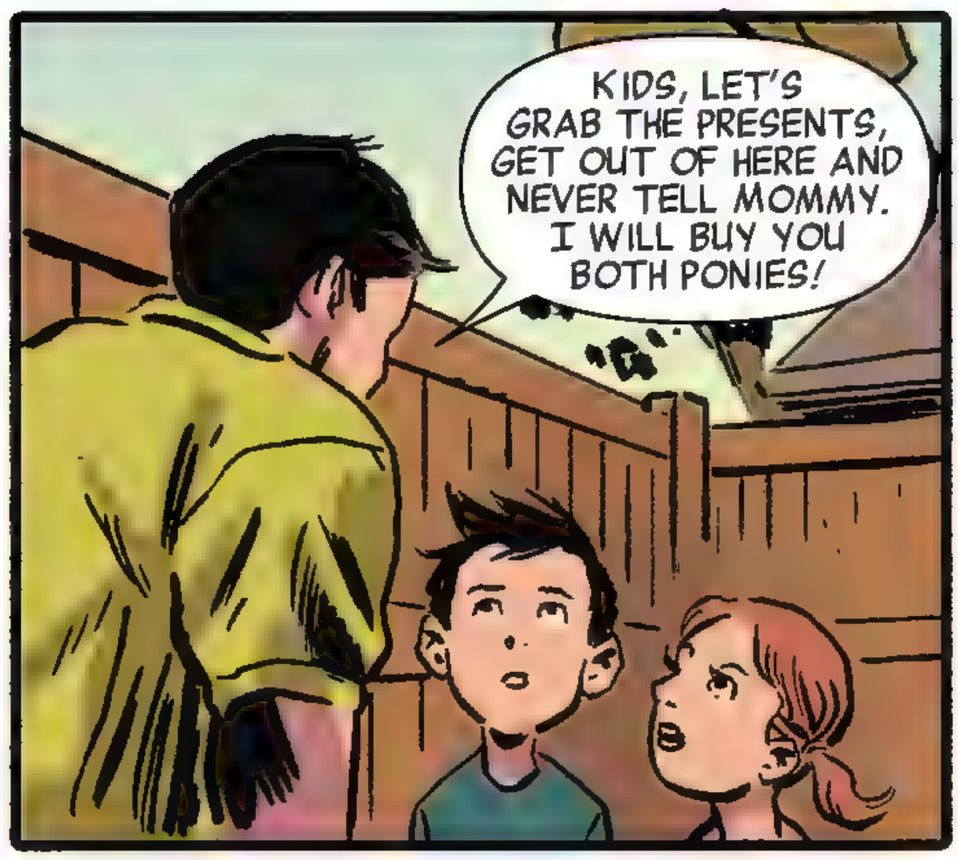
LEO?

Happy birthday to you!

WHO'S LEO? WHAT HAPPENED TO CALDER?

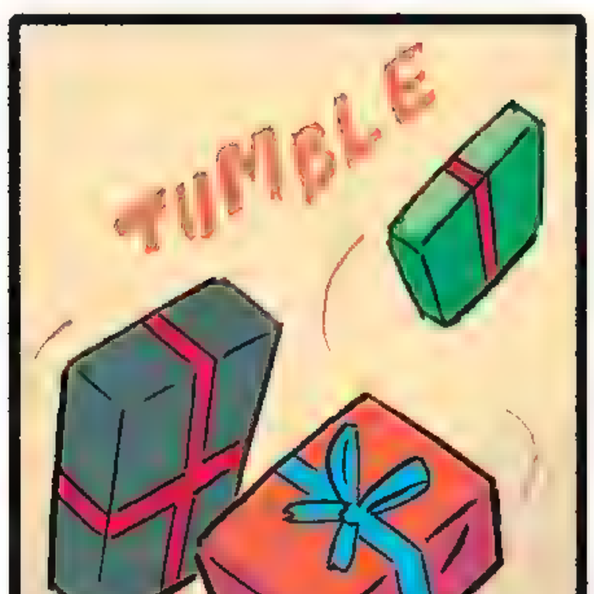
UH-OH.

HDAY CALDER


KIDS, LET'S GRAB THE PRESENTS, GET OUT OF HERE AND NEVER TELL MOMMY. I WILL BUY YOU BOTH PONIES!

WHERE IS IT?!

DAD, THE BABY--
WE HAVE TO FIND THE GIFT. I AM NOT GIVING LEO A LEGO SET.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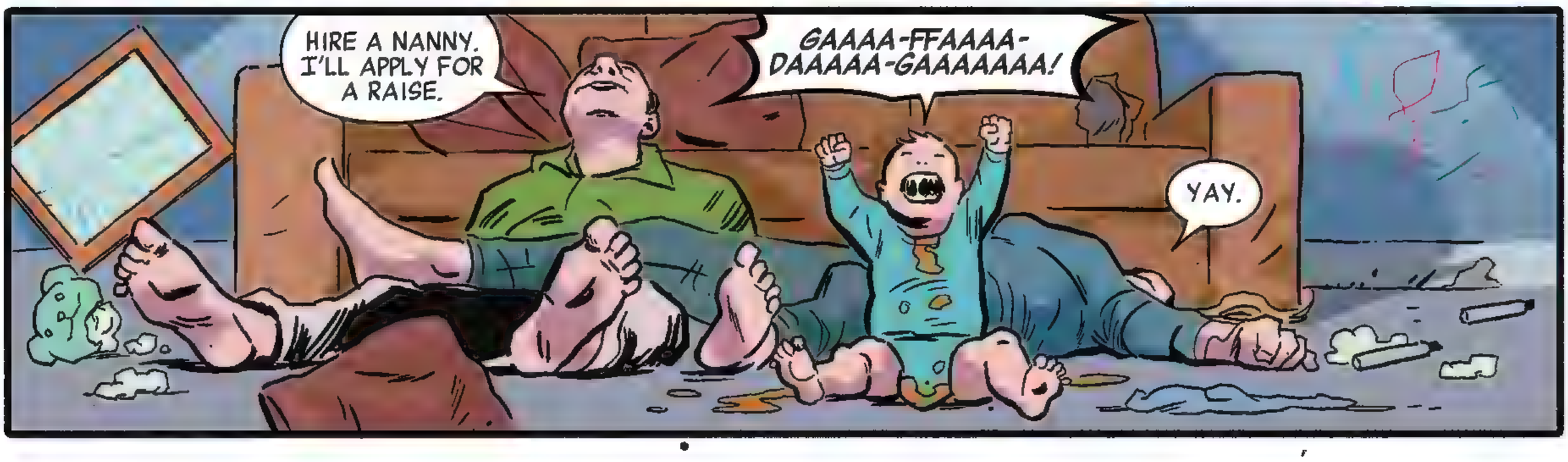
LOOK!
THAT CREEPY GUY IS STEALING MY PRESENTS!

I'M REALLY SORRY, BUT WE CAME TO THE WRONG PARTY. HAPPY BIRTHDAY, LEO. GOT YOU A LEGO SET.

NO, YOUR BABY IS DRINKING RED BULL.

GLUG GLUG


HIRE A NANNY. I'LL APPLY FOR A RAISE.
GAAAA-FFAAAA-DAAAAA-GAAAAAAA!
YAY.

DID YOU HEAR ABOUT BOB? HE MOVED OVER TO F.O.X.X.

NO!

THEY OWN HIM LOCK, STOCK AND BARREL.

HAIL HYDRA !!

YOU'RE PROBABLY NEXT. I HEARD YOU GOT A BIG RAISE. DO I HAVE TO SALUTE YOU NOW?

ONLY IF YOU DON'T WANT TO BE TORTURED.

HAIL HYDRA !!

HEY, I'VE GOT PLAY-OFF SEATS FOR THE NETS ON SATURDAY. THEY'RE PLAYING THE KNICKS.

HAIL HYDRA !!

CRAP. I HAVE TO GO TO THE WORLD'S MOST BORING SCHOOL CHARITY THING.

HAIL HYDRA !!

HYDRA TOWER, 51st FLOOR

WELCOME TO YOUR NEW JOB, HANK.

I'VE HAD MY EYE ON YOU FOR A LOOOONG TIME. HARD NOT TO NOTICE A PHYSIQUE LIKE YOURS.

THANKS, MADAME HYDRA. BEEN MEANING TO START A NEW DIET.

WHOOPS. I DROPPED SOMETHING. CAN YOU GET IT?

OOOH. THAT'S NICE!

SORRY, MY KNEES MAKE THAT CRACKING SOUND.

WELL, I PICKED UP YOUR PENS. I SHOULD GET GOING. LOTS OF WORK TO DO, WHAT WITH THE RAISE AND THE NEW JOB.

LOTS OF WORK. LOTS OF LATE NIGHTS, HANKY-PANKY.

HANK'S FINE.

I'M HAVING A LITTLE PARTY TOMORROW NIGHT, DROP ON BY.

CAN I BRING MY WIFE?

KINKY.

...AND THEN THE NANNY TOOK THEM FOR ICE CREAM, AND I READ A MAGAZINE. A *MAGAZINE!* HOW'S YOUR NEW BOSS?

HE'S--I MEAN SHE'S GREAT. I SAID HE BECAUSE SHE LOOKS LIKE A MAN. BY THE WAY, WHY AM I RAGE? WHAT AVENGER WAS HE? IT SEEMS KINDA RACIST.

HE WAS THE AVENGER WHOSE COSTUME CAME IN DOUBLE XL.

AVENGERS ASSEMBLE! TRICK OR TREAT!

DO YOU THINK THE KIDS REALIZE THAT SHE-HULK AND CAPTAIN AMERICA ONCE MADE ME PEE BLOOD?

MAYBE THEY WOULD BE IMPRESSED.

LOOK OUT, IT'S THE MASTER OF MAGNETISM, CLAY QUARTERMAIN!

HEY, HANK. LOVE THE COSTUME. VILLAGE PEOPLE, RIGHT?

I'M GLAD WE RAN INTO YOU. SOMETHING CAME UP AND WE CAN'T MAKE THE BORING CHARITY THING NEXT WEEKEND. I'M REALLY SORRY.

NO WORRIES. I WISH I DIDN'T HAVE TO GO.

NEXT TIME! SOMETHING EVEN MORE BORING!

GUESS WHAT, COOP? MY WIFE SAYS WE DON'T HAVE TO GO TO THAT THING ON SATURDAY ANYMORE. I THINK SHE REALLY FELT BAD FOR ME.

HAIL HYDRA!

DO YOU STILL HAVE...

HAIL HYDRA!

...THE NETS TICKETS?

SORRY, HANK.

HAIL HYDRA!

I'M TAKING A GUY FROM MY BOWLING TEAM, CLAY QUARTERMAIN. DO YOU KNOW HIM?

WHAT?

HAIL HYDRA!

HE CANCELED ON *ME.* I DIDN'T GO BECAUSE I WAS GOING WITH HIM. BUT NOW HE'S GOING WITH YOU? THOSE ARE MY TICKETS!

HAIL HYDRA!

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? THEY ARE MY TICKETS.

HAIL HYDRA!

YOU HAVE TO TAKE ME. I WAS INVITED FIRST!

HAIL HYDRA!

YOU SAID YOU COULDN'T GO!

HAIL HYDRA!

HOVE

€%$%@#$ YOU!

HAIL HYDRA!

HANK, I DIDN'T KNOW YOU HAD A WIFE. YOU NEVER MENTION HER.

WHA--?

HA! SO FUNNY!

HANKY-PANKY HAS BEEN SO HELPFUL WITH OUR PLANS TO DESTROY THE WORLD.

WE ARE REALLY PROUD OF HIM AT HOME.

PINCH

WHOOPS, SORRY.

NO WORRIES. C'MON, HANKY-PANKY.

FRIENDS OF HYDRA, I INVITED YOU HERE TO CELEBRATE OUR LATEST WEAPON: *THE KISS OF HYDRA!*

TONIGHT, WE WILL DESTROY THE WORLD AND THERE IS NOTHING ANYONE CAN DO ABOUT IT!

CLINK

CLINK

GREAT NAME!

CLINK

SHE'S NOT WEARING ANY UNDERWEAR AGAIN!

ALL WILL BOW BEFORE THE MANY HEADS OF THE HYDRA AND TREMBLE...
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE.
WE SHOULD SAY GOODBYE.
NO, NO GOODBYES THIS TIME.
FINE, BUT IT'S RUDE.
HAIL HYDRA
1:59
TICK TICK TICK
ANY CHANCE YOU'RE STILL TALKING TO ME?
LOOK. I'M SORRY. I SHOULD HAVE TOLD YOU ABOUT HER. SHE WOULDN'T LEAVE ME ALONE.
I FORGIVE YOU. BUT YOU'RE STILL IN BIG TROUBLE.
I KNOW.
AVENGERS ASSEMBLE!
RAARRRRRHHH!
RAGE ON!

I'LL TELL THE NANNY SHE'S FIRED. YOU CAN GO BACK TO YOUR OLD JOB.

THANK YOU, BABY. I LOVE YOU SO MUCH.

YOU NEED TO REPORT HER TO HUMAN RESOURCES.

I CAN'T SUE MADAME HYDRA FOR SEXUAL HARASSMENT.

HANK!

FIIIIIINE.

PLUS YOU HAVE TO GO TO THAT CHARITY THING AGAIN. SO FIND SOMEONE TO INVITE.

FIIIIIINE.

THIS IS AGENT QUARTERMAIN. PURSUING ESCAPED HYDRA AGENT.

SORRY, HANK. YOU'RE UNDER ARREST.

THOSE ARE MY PLAY-OFF TICKETS!

MY HERO!

SEE YOU AT LITTLE LEAGUE.

ANY CHANCE YOU STILL HAVE THE SCARLET WITCH COSTUME?

YUP.

HUMAN RESOURCES

LET ME GUESS...MADAME HYDRA?

SHE TREATED ME LIKE I WAS A PIECE OF MEAT.

DID YOU KNOW SHE WAS MARRIED?

THIS IS AWKWARD.

I DIDN'T KNOW YOU TWO WERE MARRIED WHEN I INVITED M.O.D.O.K.

WHAT IS HE TALKING ABOUT, HONEY?

M.O.D.O.K., MRS. M.O.D.O.K., THESE ARE THE GROSSBERGS...

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, GUESS HOW MANY MARBLES ARE IN THE FISHBOWL. FIVE DOLLARS A GUESS. AND REMEMBER, ALL THE MONEY IS GOING TO OUR SCHOOLS.

THERE ARE 987 MARBLES IN THE FISHBOWL.

I WANT A DIVORCE.

YOU'RE NOT STILL UPSET, HANK?

I'M SORRY I YELLED AT YOU.

I CAN'T BELIEVE QUARTERMAIN ARRESTED ME.

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?

I CAN GET US TWO COURTSIDE SEATS FOR THE NETS NEXT WEEK IF YOU'RE INTERESTED.

ARE YOU KIDDING? I NEVER SAT COURT-SIDE.

TINGG

HEY, WHAT'S THAT--

OWWWW.

I WONDER IF I CAN STILL GET THE TICKETS?

THE END!

ZONE